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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SUGITA et al.

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Title: MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT, MAGNETIC HEAD, MAGNETIC MEMORY AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:

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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, V.A. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application of pending prior international application Number PCT/JP03/04136, filed on March 31, 2003, entitled MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT, MAGNETIC HEAD, MAGNETIC MEMORY AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS USING THE SAME, which designated the United States.

1. Enclosed is the application as follows: 35 pages of specification, 17 claims, 1 pages of abstract, 11 sheet(s) of drawing(s).

CLAIMS AS FILED

| NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | | RATE | FEE |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS: 17 | -20 | 0 | x \$18.00 | 0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 | -3 | 0 | x \$86.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | BASIC FILING FEE: | \$770.00 |
| | | | TOTAL FILING FEE: | 770.00 |
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2. Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

3. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

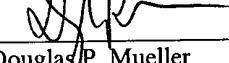
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/JP03/04136, filed March 31, 2003, pending."
6. A signed declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 is enclosed.
7. A set of formal drawings (11 sheets) is enclosed.
8. An Assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., Recordation Form Cover Sheet, and fee of \$40 is enclosed.
9. Priority of foreign application number 2002-119831, filed on April 22, 2002 in Japan, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
 The certified copy is enclosed.
10. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11. Also Enclosed: Application Data Sheet, 5 pages
12. Return postcard

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